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CARRIE L. HAZZARD.

Plaintiff-Appellant,

against

HON, CASPER WEINBERGER, ET AL.,

Defendants-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Pollack, J.)

BRIEF FOR DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES MARTTIE LOUIS THOMPSON, DIRECTOR FOR (CALS) COMMUNITY ACTION FOR LEGAL SERVICES, INC. AND M.F.Y. LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

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#### **Preliminary Statement**

Plaintiff appeals from an order dismissing this action for want of jurisdiction of the person of certain defendants and want of Federal jurisdiction as to others (Memorandum Decision of Judge Pollack, plaintiff's App. 10-11).

#### Statement of the Issues for Review

No issue for review is raised in plaintiff's brief as against the people we represent, Marttie L. Thompson, Director for (CALS) Community Action for Legal Services, Inc., or MFY Legal Services Inc. (the latter of which plaintiff claims she is suing by suing Robert Piller, a former employee of MFY, in his representative capacity). Indeed, there is no mention whatever in plaintiff's brief of any of these persons or organizations.

#### I

### No substantial Federal question is raised as to the defendants represented by us.

The charge against our clients is to be found in the unnumbered paragraph of the complaint commencing, "Lastly" at the bottom of page 10 and occupying most of page 11. There is no attempt to allege a Federal question against any of the persons or organizations therein mentioned. The most that can be gotten out of that paragraph, construing it most liberally, is a simple state court action for professional malpractice. No diversity is alleged with regard to it.

We look then at paragraph 2 of the complaint in which plaintiff purports to set forth the basis for Federal jurisdiction. We find that she refers to 28 U.S. Code, sec. 1915, 1983 and 1985, the Fourteenth Amendment, and certain Social Security Regulations. The allegations of this paragraph commencing "Lastly" do not fit within any of the provisions of these sections or the Fourteenth Amendment, or the Social Security Regulations. Thus there is no substantial Federal question upon which to base Federal jurisdiction.

#### CONCLUSION

#### The order should be affirmed.

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